

Metropolitan Nashville Police Department



Domestic Violence News Bits

January – December 2009



My first few months leading the Domestic Violence Division have been both challenging and exciting! I'm humbled to see the hard work, dedication and talents exhibited by all as our division has

received over 23,000 reports this year. As we enter a new year, I look forward to us working together to serve victims of domestic violence. Wishing you and your families a safe and happy new year! ~

Captain Michele Donegan



A Year For Recognition...!

The recognition that our division has received this year has truly been gratifying for us here at the MNP Domestic Violence Division. It seems that, after 15 years, the stars have aligned themselves in such a way

as to bring our program into the spotlight. It has been especially validating to have the work we do everyday recognized as being of the highest caliber.

On September 23rd the *Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence* hosted a reception at the division to celebrate our *15th Anniversary*. It was great having everyone here to commemorate that milestone. Many alumni staff members dropped by for refreshments and those who have been here since 1994 were recognized for their tenure. They included: **Detectives Tim Sneed, Clarence Thompson, Brad Worthington,** and civilian **Judy Alexander**. **Chief Kelton** was in attendance and the division was presented with an elegant plaque from the coalition.



Retired Domestic Violence Detectives Suzanne McClure and Joe Towers with Detective Tim Sneed



Chief Kelton with Detectives Diana McCoy, Marsha Brown, and Laura Thomas

On Saturday, October 3rd the *Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence* held their annual *Meet Us At The Bridge* event to remember of those who lost their lives to domestic violence during the past year. Domestic Violence **Detective Jeremy Moseley** was given the *Detective of the Year* award. And, the Domestic Violence Counseling Section was recognized with the award for *Long Term Service Provider*. **Counselors Heidi Bennett, Kim Page, Janisca Williams, and Lani Ramos** were in attendance to accept the award.



NCADV President Becky Owens, Captain Rita Baker and Emily Baker, Counselor Heidi Bennett, Detective Jeremy Mosley, Counselor Janisca Williams, Officer Frank Campbell, Glenda Streicher, Court Clerk Tiffany Long, and NCADV Secretary Lani Ramos

On October 5th **Dr. Carol Harp** had the honor of traveling to Denver, Colorado for the annual convention of the *International Association of Chiefs of Police*. The

Metropolitan Nashville Police Department was the recipient of the 2009 *Excellence in Victim Services* award. **Dr. Lorraine Greene (BHS), Amy Taylor (VIP), and Dr. Harp (DVD)** accepted the award on behalf of all the Police Crisis Counselors. The award recognizes agencies that have developed and implemented innovative strategies for providing comprehensive services to victims of crime. The MNPd competed with several larger police departments worldwide for this award. It was quite an honor to be recognized in this way.



On October 9th at Comp Stat, **Kim Page** was the recipient of two Titans tickets for the October 11th game in recognition of all she does here at the police department.



Kimberly Page

Community Education

It is the goal of the Domestic Violence Division to reach out to the community in an attempt to educate others in the area of domestic violence. We believe that education is the key to prevention and safety of those who may become victims of crime in our county. Members of our division are available and welcome all requests for speaking engagements.

The division regularly provides informational displays, with brochures and other resources at various community events. This year the division participated in the *All About Women Show* at the convention center.

Detectives Jeremy Mosley, Nate Ellsworth, and DV Counselor Heidi Bennett were members of the federally funded *Elder Abuse Task Force* and have participated in educating MNPd officers on best practices in responding to calls involving elderly victims of crime.

DV Counselor **Heidi Bennett** collaborated with **Valerie Craig** of *You Have The Power* in presented a session on *Domestic Violence and Children* at the annual conference of the *Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association* in April.

Training

In March **Counselors Kim Page and Janisca Williams** attended an annual convention entitled *Psychotherapy Networking* in Washington DC.

In May **Captain Rita Baker and Counseling Supervisor Dr. Carol Harp** won scholarships to attend the *Annual Leadership Conference* provided by the *Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse* in Franklin.

As 2009-2010 President of the *Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association*, **Dr. Carol Harp** represented Tennessee at the *American Mental Health Counselors Association Leadership Training* in Washington DC in July.

Detectives Sheba Cantrell and Greg Julia went to a conference held at the TBI from October 19 – October 23. It consisted of several different speakers from different parts of the stat, Knoxville and Memphis included, high profile case discussions including the Steve McNair case and Christina Hunt cases. DC Snipers, Border Violence, Moonshine Stills, and Homicide Case Studies were also discussed in depth. Blood pattern analysis was also discussed and a tour of the lab was given to all attendees in addition to the opportunity to walk through these cases with the various speakers.

In December, **Detective Kevin Lovell** attended Domestic Violence training in Murfreesboro.

Division News

On September 30th the Division enjoyed a *Cajun Shrimp Boil* thanks to master chef, **Nate Ellsworth**. Yum!

On October 27th the division held a *Chili Cook-Off*. **Detective Tim Sneed** was the First Prize winner and received an embroidered chef's apron from **Captain Donegan** in recognition.

Detective Jeremy Mosley was promoted to Sergeant in November. Congratulations Jeremy!

Welcome to our two new Domestic Violence **Detectives Greg Davis and Clifton Knight**.

Did you know...?

- ? One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- ? An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.
- ? 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- ? Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.
- ? Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- ? Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.
- ? Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.
- ? 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men have been stalked in their lifetime.
- ? Sexual assault or forced sex occurs in approximately 40 -45% of battering relationships.
- ? In 70-80% of intimate partner homicides, no matter which partner was killed, the man physically abused the woman before the murder.



2009 Statistics

As of December 15, 2009 the division had received 23,326 reports of domestic violence. Victims in these reports were:

Domestic Disturbance Reports = 23,326

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Female = 15,701

Male = 7,625

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Minors (Under 18) = 1,441

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American Indian = 9

Asian = 144

Black = 11,647

White = 10,689

Hispanic = 534

Unknown = 303

Domestic homicide victims in 2009:

Domestic Homicides = 9

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Female = 7

Male = 2

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Minors = 0

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Black = 5

White = 4

"We challenge the culture of violence when we ourselves act in the certainty that violence is no longer acceptable."

Gerard Vanderhaar



Happy New Year!